

## Message Text

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TO AMEMBASSY TOKYO

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E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MCAP, JA

SUBJECT: F-15 BRIEFING

1. INFORMAL CONTACTS WITH DEFENSE INDICATE THAT IT MIGHT BE APPROPRIATE FOR JAPANESE TO BE BRIEFED SOON ON F-15 JET FIGHTER. MAJ. GEN. BELLIS, F-15 PROGRAM DIRECTOR FOR USAF, HAS ALREADY PRESENTED SIMILAR BRIEFINGS TO UK, GERMANY, AUSTRALIA, AND IRAN AND WOULD ALSO PROBABLY BRIEF JAPANESE. INFORMATION PRESENTED WOULD FOCUS LARGELY ON TECHNICAL AND OPERATIONAL ASPECTS OF AIRCRAFT AND ON ITS PERFORMANCE CAPABILITIES.

2. BRIEFING REPORTEDLY NOT A SALES PITCH TO SELL F-15 S. ONLY FINANCES MENTIONED ARE ANTICIPATED COST OF WEAPON SYSTEM TO USG, AND THESE PRICES ARE NOT YET FIRM.

3. WASHINGTON IN GENERAL AGREEMENT THAT BRIEFING COULD BE BENEFICIAL AS A FORM OF CONSULTATION AND REFLECTION OF US  
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INTEREST.

4. REQUEST EMBASSY' S VIEWS AND RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING  
APPROPRIATENESS OF BRIEFING. ROGERS

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